

HONORING LIEUTENANT JEFF  
RACINE ON HIS RETIREMENT  
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### HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Detective Lieutenant Jeff Racine on his retirement after 25 years serving in the Michigan State Police. Lt. Racine has carried out his duties with bravery, dedication and enthusiasm for his work, earning the respect of both his colleagues in law enforcement and the communities he has served.

Lt. Racine has dedicated his career to keeping residents in Michigan's Upper Peninsula safe. Early in his career he served as a police officer in the Chocolay Township and Ishpeming Police Departments, later serving as deputy sheriff at the Marquette County Sheriff's Department.

In 1985, Lt. Jeff Racine joined the Michigan State Police, serving his first assignment as a trooper at the Flat Rock Post in Southeast Michigan. Before long, Lt. Racine returned to the Upper Peninsula serving as trooper at both the Munising and Gladstone State Police Posts. His hard work earned him a promotion to Sergeant, serving the Negaunee and Gladstone State Police Posts.

In 2000, Lt. Jeff Racine was promoted to Detective Lieutenant in charge of the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team (UPSET). He has spent the past decade combating drug trafficking and drug crimes in the Upper Peninsula, a particularly difficult task in a region with vast tracks of rural areas. The UPSET team has investigated more than 520 cases, including 130 federal cases, under Lt. Racine's leadership. He has been particularly effective at fostering working relationships with local law enforcement as well as federal agencies, including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the FBI; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and the U.S. Forest Service.

After his years in local law enforcement, and 25 years in the Michigan State Police, Lt. Jeff Racine will retire on August 27, 2010. His departure will be felt by law enforcement across the Upper Peninsula and the state of Michigan, but the impact he has had, especially during his 10 years with UPSET, will remain long after he has gone.

Lt. Racine's wife Crystal has been by his side throughout his career, and in retirement he looks forward to spending more time with her and their children. Lt. Racine is also an avid hunter, and his retirement comes just in time for him to dedicate his full attention to this year's hunting season.

Madam Speaker, Lt. Jeff Racine has devoted his life to enforcing the law and protecting the citizens of Michigan, and his commitment and hard work should be commended. Throughout his career he has touched the lives of countless individuals he has worked with and served. I ask Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in recognizing Lt. Jeff Racine for his courage, his dedication, and his years of service on his retirement from the Michigan State Police.

HONORING PASTOR IRA G.  
EDWARDS, SR.

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Pastor Ira G. Edwards, Sr., pastor of Damascus Holy Life Baptist Church. Pastor Edwards is being honored on August 22nd for his work in the Flint community.

Pastor Edwards has been pastor of Damascus Holy Life Baptist Church for the past nine years. He also serves as an instructor for the Great Lake Congress of Christian Education and is an Associate Dean for the Great Lakes Congress of Christian Education. As pastor he has established several programs to help the people of the Flint community. Pastor Edwards started summer feeding programs for youth, established community gardens, and took the lead in the purchasing of a local bar and converting it into a Training Center.

He is a member of Concerned Pastors for Social Action, and cochair of the Flint Area Congregations Together. He is on the National Steering Committee and Clergy Caucus for People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO) National. He was instrumental in bringing CEASEFIRE/LIFE LINE to Flint. He has devoted his life to assisting with health care, education, financial peace, nutrition, and home foreclosure recovery. Pastor Edwards strives to help the youth of the community to reach their full potential by developing social, economic and academic skills. He works diligently with local, state and federal officials to improve education, housing, and to curb violence and crime.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me today and applaud the work of Pastor Ira G. Edwards, Sr. as he is honored by his congregation and his community. I pray that he will continue to spread the Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, for many, many years to come.

ACKNOWLEDGING MRS. MARION  
BUSH LICATA

### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Mrs. Marion Bush Licata, a remarkable Michigan citizen, upon her ninetieth birthday on August 16, 2010.

Marion Bush was born on August 16, 1920, in Highland Park, Michigan to James and Evelyn Bush. Growing up with two older brothers, Irving and J.V. Richard, Marion attended Cooley High School in Detroit graduating in 1938. While working at Bell Telephone, she went on to attend Wayne State University where she met Anthony Licata.

Marion and Anthony married in August of 1940, celebrating their love for more than fifty-nine years while raising their beloved daughter Susan who was born in 1943. With Anthony Licata serving in the United States Navy, Marion and Susan traveled by train to Virginia Beach, VA and Norman, Oklahoma to be near him.

Marion Bush Licata was actively involved during Susan's elementary school years as she became part of the "Mother Singers" choral group at Cadillac Elementary School in Detroit. She sang in various other choirs, as well. A great proponent of education, Marion returned to Wayne State and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Library Science. She dedicated more than ten years to the Detroit Public School system as an elementary school librarian, passing on a love of reading to the children under her tutelage.

Marion Bush Licata has enjoyed singing in musical groups, painting, using both oil and water color, creating stained glass, embroidery, making dolls, sewing, reading and listening to music. Marion also was very involved in her late husband Anthony's political activities. She actively supported Anthony's successful campaign to be seated in the Michigan House of Representatives during a special election in 1967. Marion Bush Licata maintained her interest in politics by attending local and state Republican Conventions for many years.

Marion Bush Licata finds great joy in her granddaughter Krista and continues to be a supportive and influential part of Krista's life. Mrs. Licata has continued to care for her immediate family and has always been a source of strength to the extended Bush and Licata families.

Madam Speaker, for ninety years Marion Bush Licata has graced the world with her kindness, hard work, and community spirit. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Marion Bush Licata upon reaching her ninetieth birthday and to honor her commitment to her community and her country.

### RECLAIMING POLITICS

### HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit the following.

Rick Levin, the President of Yale University, recently delivered this year's commencement address, "Reclaiming Politics."

While his comments were directed to graduating seniors, they speak more broadly to all those interested in public service and in improving our political system.

I hope my colleagues and others will appreciate a reasoned and articulate discussion of such a timely subject.

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS: RECLAIMING  
POLITICS

(By President Richard C. Levin)

What a journey you have had! Four years of exploring a place so rich with treasure: courses taught by some of the world's most brilliant and creative scholars and scientists, a library with few peers, museums that expose you to the full variety of nature and human cultures, musical and theatrical performances of the highest quality, vigorous intercollegiate and intramural athletic programs, and classmates whose excellence never ceases to astonish—and all this set within the imposing and inspiring architecture of a campus that is itself a museum. You have had the chance to interact with classmates from 50 states and 50 nations, and the great majority of you have taken advantage of Yale's abundant international programs to spend a semester or a summer abroad.